Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
August 31, 2025 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.
We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,
as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.
We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.
We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.
We come to the Feast of God's faithful,
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.
We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

Thom M. Shuman, Presbyterian Church USA

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

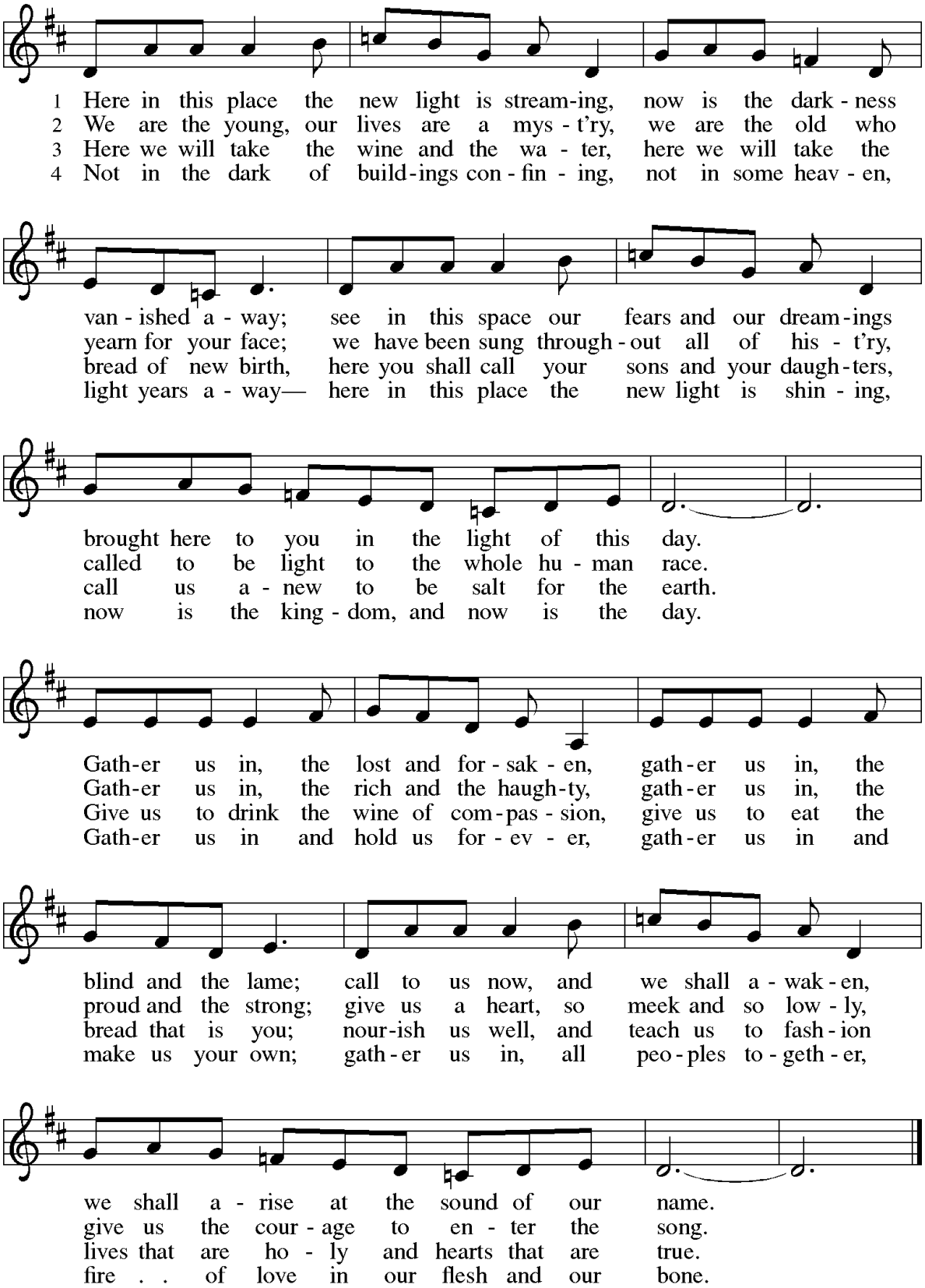
P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 532

"Gather Us In"


1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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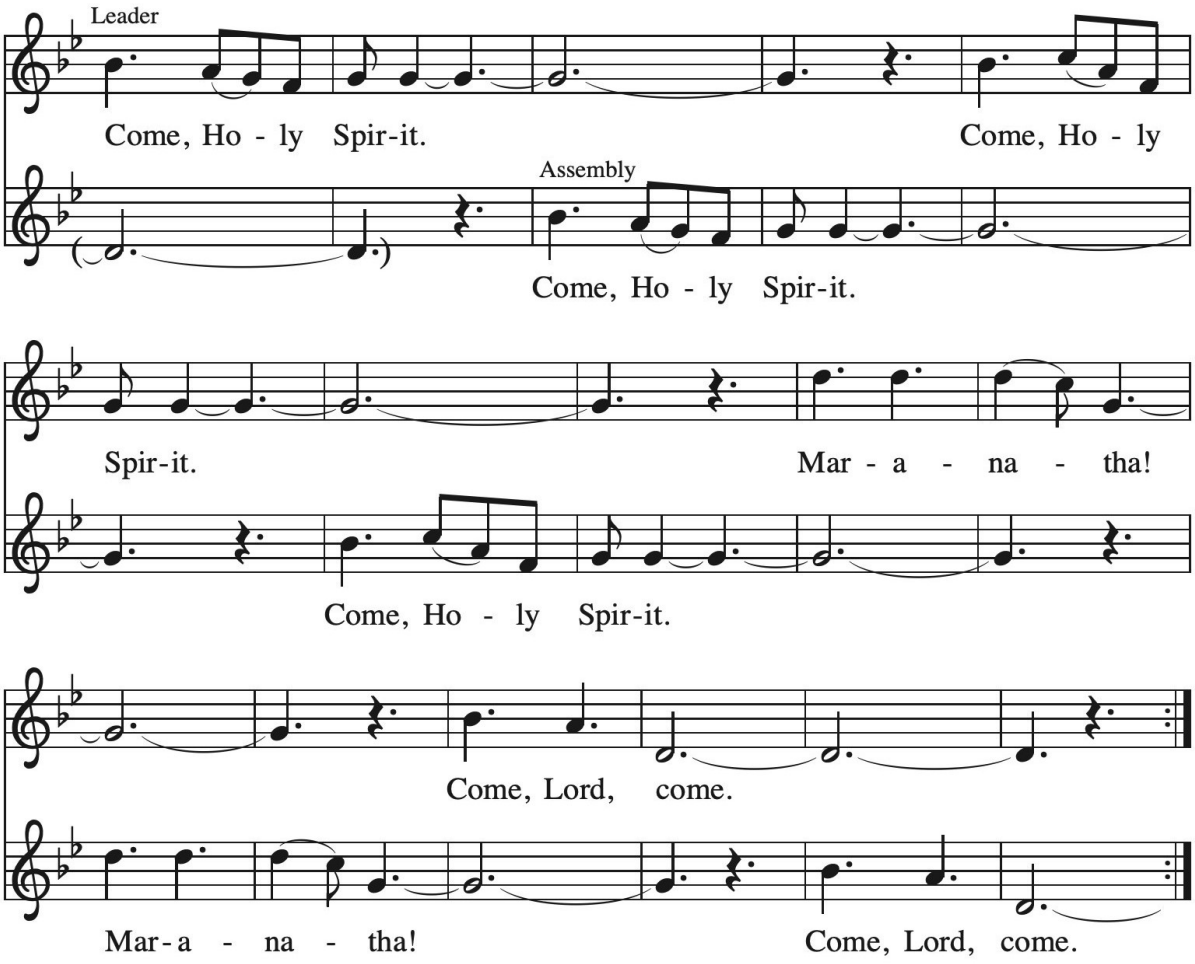
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

A: A reading from Proverbs.

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
7a for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 112

P: 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
C: 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
P: 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
C: 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
P: 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
C: 6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
P: 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
C: 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
P: 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
C: 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

A: A reading from Hebrews.

[1] Let mutual affection continue. [2] Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. [3] Remember
those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are
being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. [4] Let marriage be
held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge
the sexually immoral and adulterers. [5] Keep your lives free from the love of money,
and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you
or forsake you." [6] So we can say with confidence,

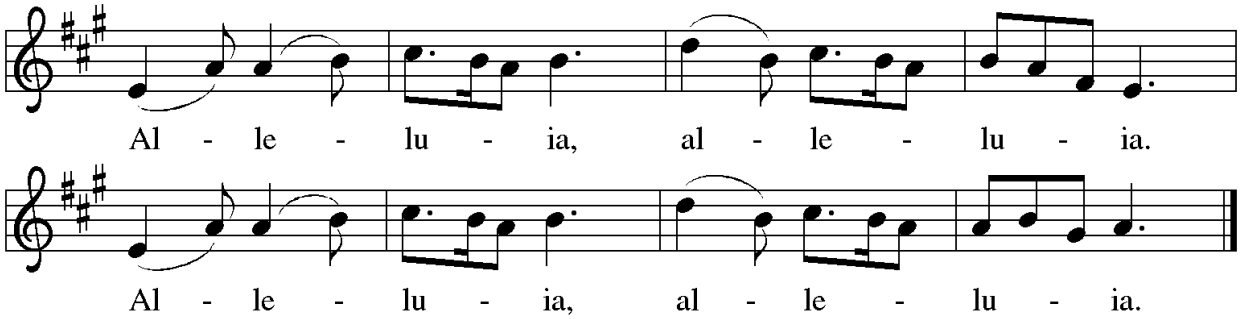
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

[7] Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider
the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever. [15] Through him, then, let us continually offer a
sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. [16] Do not
neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to
God.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to
eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.
7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a
parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit
down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has
been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and
say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to
take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest
place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher';
then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For
all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will
be exalted."
12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a
dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or
rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be
repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and
the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be
repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

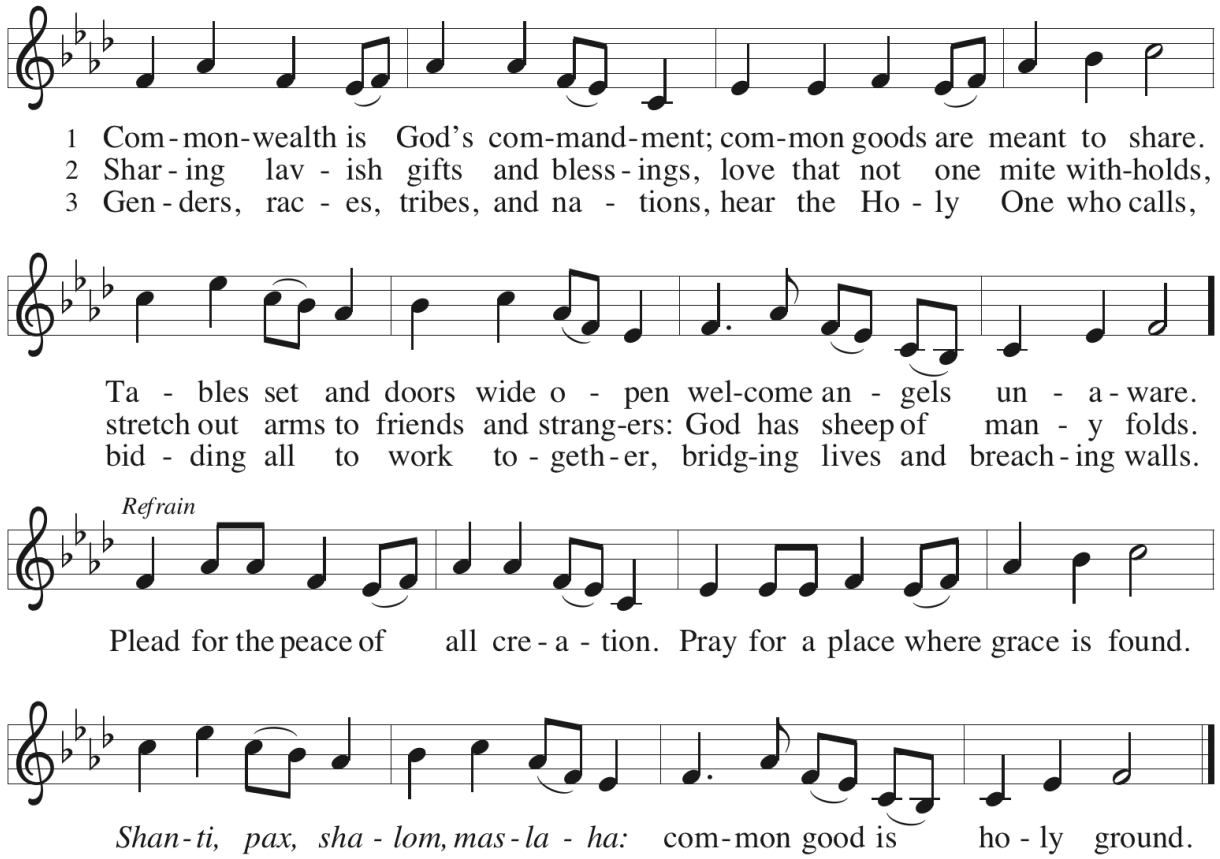
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1036

"Commonwealth Is God's Commandment"


1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com-mand - ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,
Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel-come an - gels un - a - ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg-ing lives and breach - ing walls.
Refrain
Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.
Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A: For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence, especially the family of Vivian Philips. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish, including food pantry volunteers, altar guild workers, and coffee hour contributors and coordinators. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

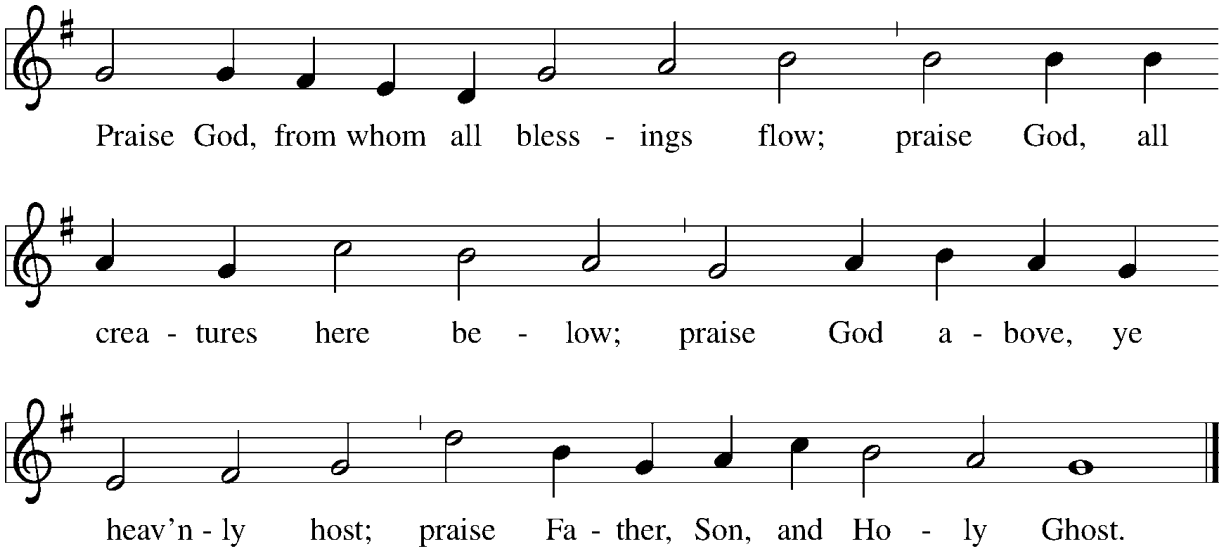
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

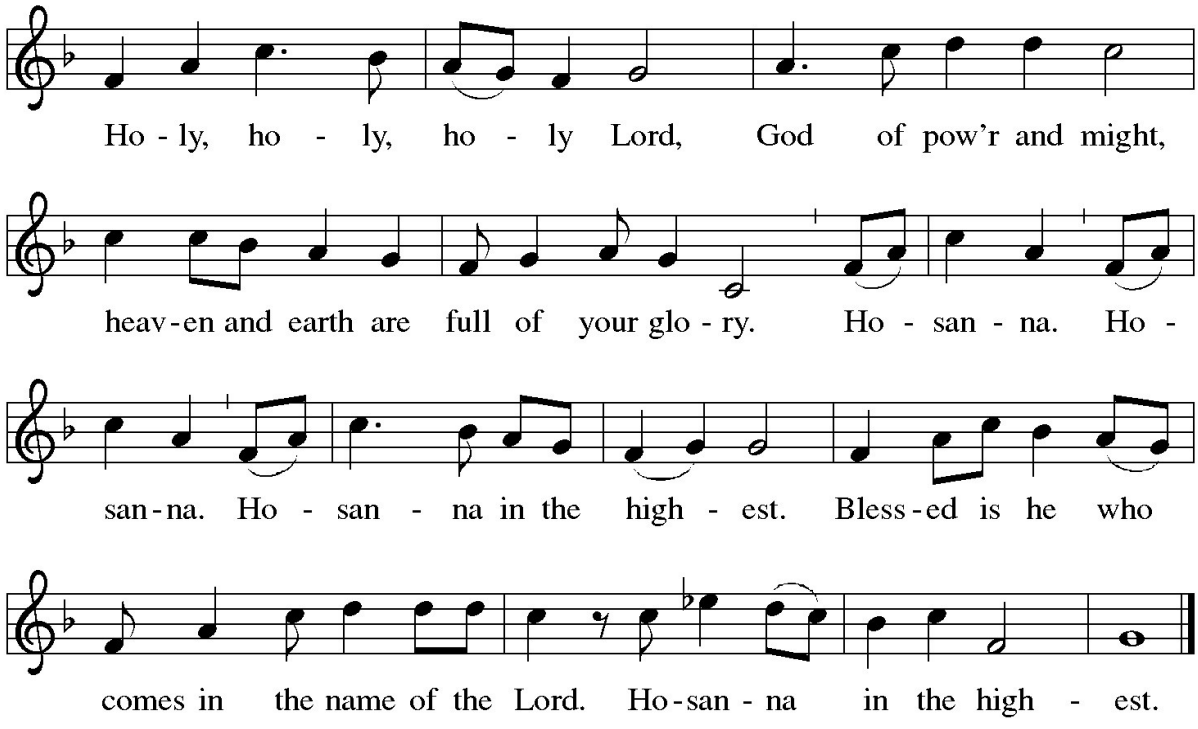
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

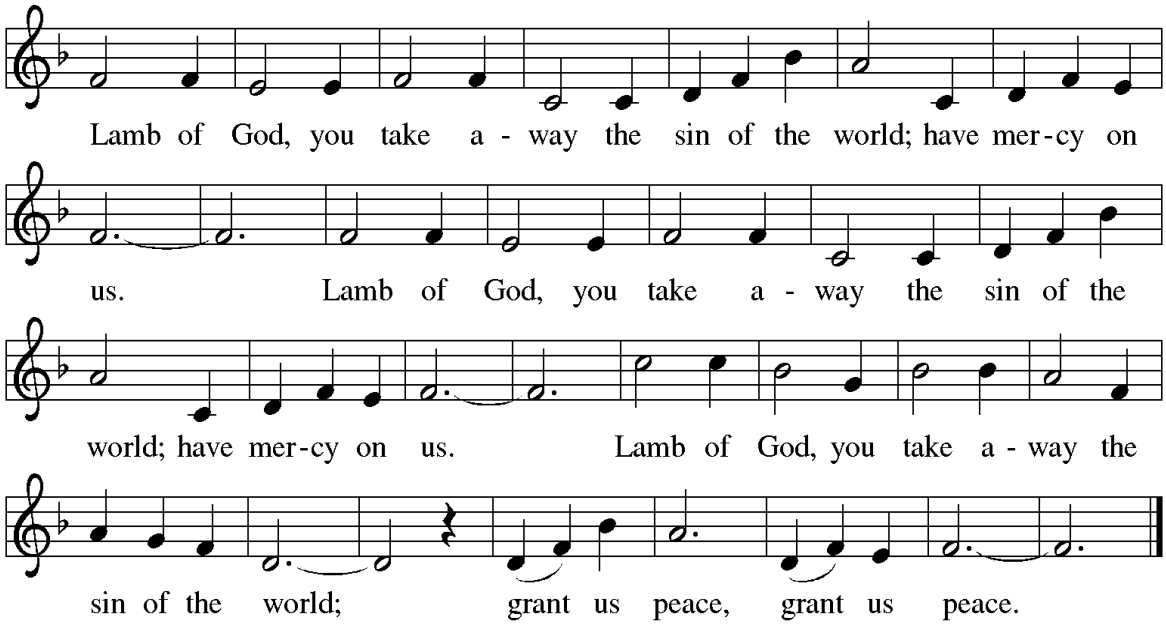
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

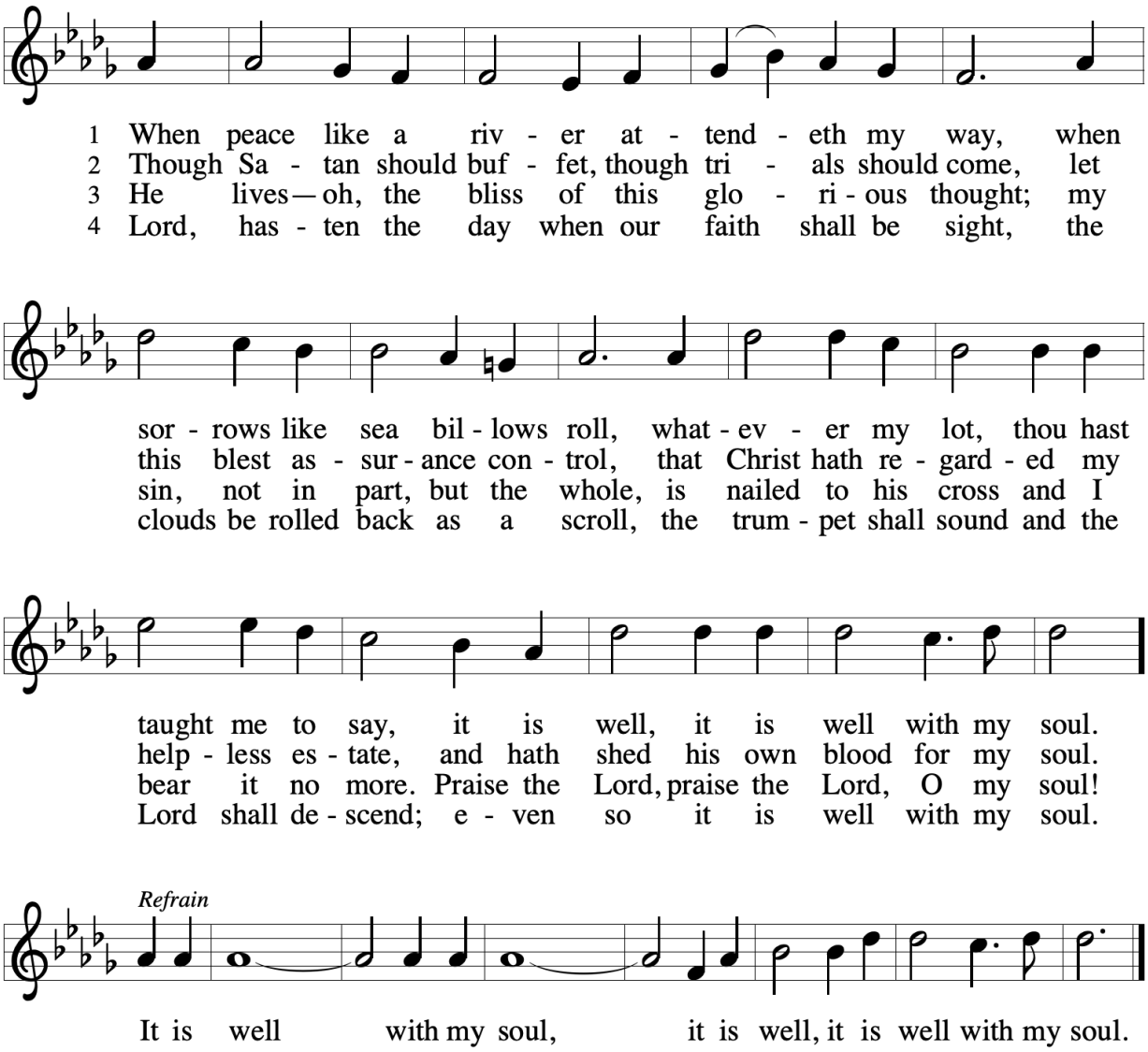
P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN TFF 194

"It Is Well with My Soul"

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives — oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the
taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.
Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

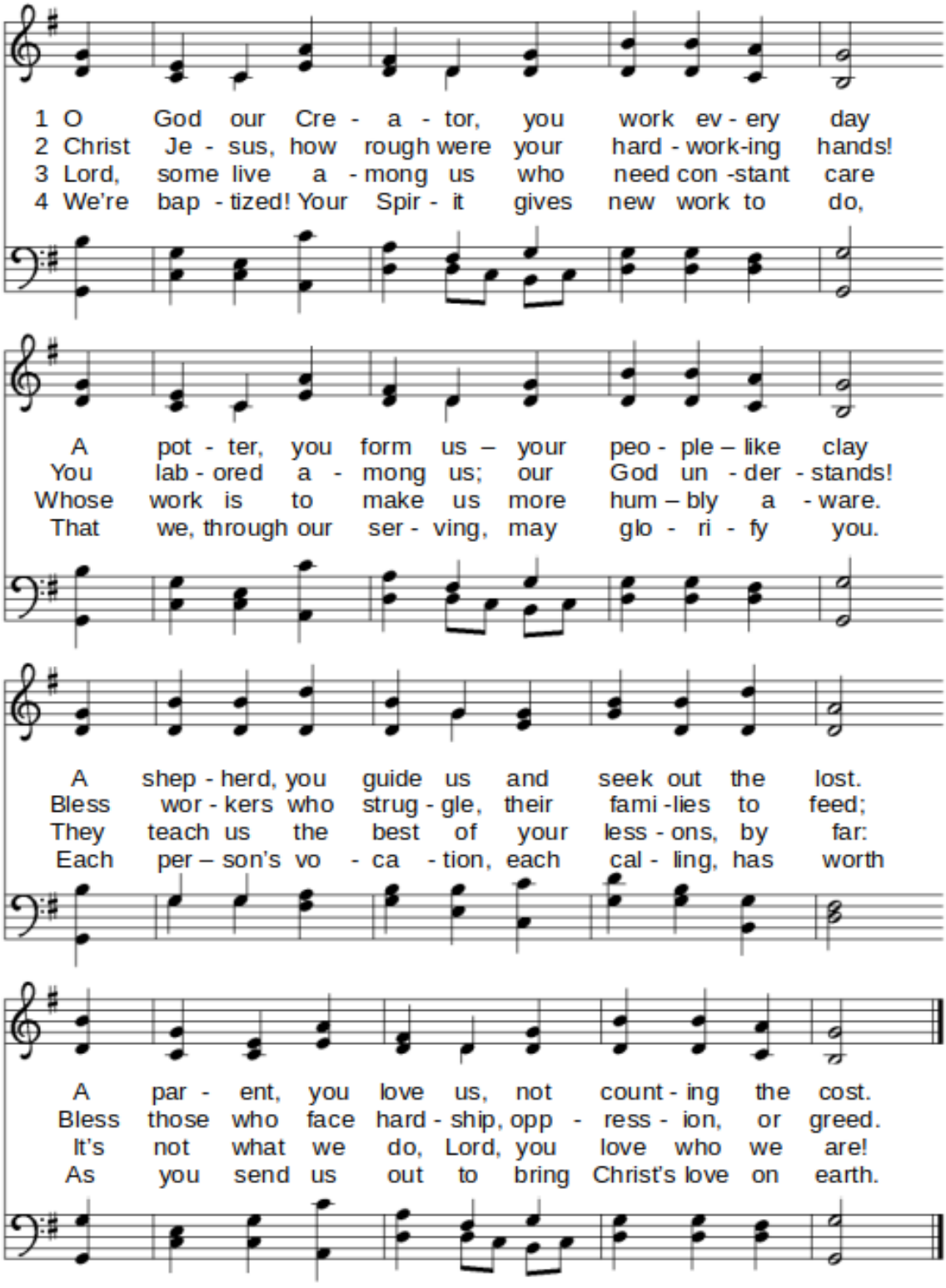
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✢ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – *"O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day"*

1 O God our Cre - a - tor, you work ev - ery day
2 Christ Je - sus, how rough were your hard - work-ing hands!
3 Lord, some live a - mong us who need con -stant care
4 We're bap - tized! Your Spir - it gives new work to do,
A pot - ter, you form us – your peo - ple – like clay
You lab - ored a - mong us; our God un - der - stands!
Whose work is to make us more hum – bly a - ware.
That we, through our ser - ving, may glo - ri - fy you.
A shep - herd, you guide us and seek out the lost.
Bless wor - kers who strug - gle, their fami -lies to feed;
They teach us the best of your less - ons, by far:
Each per – son's vo - ca - tion, each cal - ling, has worth
A par - ent, you love us, not count - ing the cost.
Bless those who face hard - ship, opp - ress - ion, or greed.
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (July - September) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

September 7th – *"God's Work. Our Hands"* – Blessing of the Quilts

In conjunction with the Blessing of the Quilts on September 7, please donate a gently used blanket to the Clothes Closet. Bring your blankets to the Clothes Closet Donation Bin in the Gathering Area. Blankets will be given out to Clothes Closet clients.

Social/Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Having a Social/Coffee every Sunday after church has been a great place to meet visitors, and get caught up with fellow members. This has been very well attended every Sunday. There has also been a great response of people bringing treats, fruit or veggies whenever they can, this is very much appreciated. We do need to get more people to help in making coffee, setup and/or cleanup once a month so the task doesn't fall on just a couple of people every month. If you could take the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or an occasional 5th week every month or even as a Sub, in some role, please contact Della Diehr (734) 740-6029 dmdiehr@gmail.com or Linda King.

History in Maps:

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine. This is scheduled for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start at 11:30 AM, following church services. There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up:
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Financial Progress Report –
Attendance Sunday 8/24/25: 53
This past week (Aug 18 – Aug 24) we received income of: $1,002
Approved Budget: $285,719 *Needed Weekly:* $5,495

For the month of July we had:

- *Receipts:* $11,612
- *Disbursements:* $19,713
- *July Balance:* $ - 8,101
  - *Negative July balance due to:*
    - Disbursements exceed receipts.

So far this year we have:

- *Receipts:* $195,370
- *Disbursements:* $166,411
- *YTD Balance:* $28,959
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Investments positive change in value
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes
    - Many pledges being paid 100% thru July 31st, rather than spread weekly or monthly

Last year at July 31, 2024 our YTD balance was $ 6,339. Thank you for your support.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, August 31 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

Monday, September 1 – Office Closed – Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 2

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery

Wednesday, September 3

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, September 4

- Visitation for Vivian Phillips 10:30am
- Funeral Service for Vivian Phillips 11:00am
- Luncheon following service in Lower Hall

Friday, September 5

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, September 7– 13th Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work, Our Hands/Blessing of Quilts

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- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, the friends and family of Vivian, Barb, Janet, and Richard.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

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Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
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